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WEB SAMPLE 2020

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NEW PASSING MARK: 6 (six)

NEW TEXTBOOK: English File Elementary – FOURTH EDITION

PART I: READING

A. Read the passage and do the task below. (10)

A Crime Writer



Colin Dexter was a British author. He born in 1930, in Stamford, Lincolnshire. He studied Latin and Ancient Greek at Cambridge University, and after his graduation, he became a school-master, teaching Latin and Greek in secondary schools in the Midlands. After that he worked as an educational administrator until his retirement in 1988.

Colin Dexter turned to crime writing when he was in his mid-40s. He started writing during a boring rainy family holiday. In his lifetime, he wrote thirteen detective novels, including *Last Bus to Woodstock* (1975), *Service of All the Dead* (1979), *The Wench is Dead* (1989), and *Death is Now My Neighbour* (1996). They are all based in and around the ancient university city of Oxford.

His novels are famous for their two police detectives, Inspector Morse and his assistant, Sergeant Lewis. The two characters like solving mysteries and crimes together. The novels inspired the popular British series *Inspector Morse* and two spin-off series, attracting large audiences whenever they are shown. Public demand has been so great that further Morse stories have been specially written by other authors, and the series has been successfully exported to other countries.

Dexter died in 2017 at 86. During his life he received several prizes, and after his death Queen Elizabeth II gave him an honorary title.

Task: Tick the correct answer in the box below:

	True	False	It doesn't say
1. Colin Dexter was a student at Oxford University.			
2. He became interested in crime writing at a young age.			
3. <i>Last Bus to Woodstock</i> was Dexter's first novel.			
4. Inspector Morse and Sergeant Lewis are very popular.			
5. People like Morse stories in many countries.			

B. Read the text and answer the questions below.

(20)



Brighton is the largest seaside resort in the south-east of England. At first the town was a fishing village and did not become popular until about 1800. Rich people began to visit Brighton in large numbers and when King George IV decided to build a house there, it became very fashionable. The King continued to visit it until 1827, but Queen Victoria did not like the house.

Nowadays, that house is open to the public every day and there is a special exhibition there in the summer. Brighton offers all kinds of entertainment, from concerts and plays in the theatre to local attractions like the Aquarium.

The area of old houses known as *The Lanes* is a very attractive shopping centre, where visitors can buy souvenirs and antiques. There are houses where fishermen once lived, but now, they are shops. Not far from *The Lanes* is a modern shopping centre with licensed restaurants and tables outdoors where you can enjoy a drink in good weather. Brighton is within easy reach of London and has been a popular day out for Londoners for many years. If you are ever in London with time to spare, you must go and visit Brighton. You will have a great time!

1. When did Brighton begin to be popular with tourists?

2. Why did the town become popular?

3. Did the fishermen's cottages change?

4. What can you do in Brighton?

PART II: LANGUAGE**C. Complete the text below with the best option from the box.****(20)*****Star Wars Costume on Sale!***

Star Wars is ¹ _____ American epic space film series directed by George Lucas. The ² _____ film in the series was originally released on May 25, 1977, under the title Star Wars, and ³ _____ a worldwide pop culture phenomenon, followed by two sequels, released at three-year intervals. Sixteen years after the release of the trilogy's final film, a new film opened ⁴ _____ May 19, 2005.

Today, Star Wars fever still runs high.

The plain, brown cloak ⁵ _____ Sir Alec Guinness (the actor) wore when he played the character *Obi-Wan Kenobi* in the Star Wars films is part ⁶ _____ a collection of film and television costumes that will be on sale soon. Alec Guinness ⁷ _____ in 2000. The cloak disappeared thirty years ⁸ _____ and was then used in other films. Some fans say that people who went ⁹ _____ fancy dress parties liked ¹⁰ _____ it. Experts think it can be on sale for £40,000.

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| 2. firstly | first | one |
| 3. become | becomes | became |
| 4. in | at | on |
| 5. than | that | Who |
| 6. for | in | of |
| 7. died | die | was |
| 8. later | ago | last |
| 9. to | at | in |
| 10. wear | wearing | |

D. Complete the following conversations with words or phrases.**(20)****Asking for directions**

You: Excuse me! (1) Can _____ to the Victoria and Albert Museum, please?

Londoner: Sure. Go past the church, and then turn left. It's opposite the park!

You: Thanks!

A meeting in Miami

You: Hey, Grace! What are you doing here?

Grace: I'm on holiday ... just resting. And you?

You: No, I'm here (2) _____. The company sent me.

Grace: Why (3) _____?

You: Because I have to close a million-dollar contract!

Grace: Oh, That's fantastic!

At a café

Waiter: Hello! Can I help you?

You: Yes, (4) _____ -- an espresso, please?

Waiter: Small or large?

You: Large, please.

Waiter: (5) _____?

You: Yes, a brownie...

Waiter: That's \$ 35.

You: Here you are.

PART III: WRITING

E. Read the task below and write about 70 words. (30)

AN EMAIL: Write an email to a key pal. You may include the following information:

- Where do you live?
- Who do you live with?
- Where do you work/study?
- What is the place like? Describe it.
- Do you like your job? Why/Why not?

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Task achievement & readability: Format – Language – Content	_____/10	Comments
Accuracy & range: Grammatical & Lexical	_____/10	
Organization & cohesion: Staging and sequencing: Referencing	_____/5	
Editing: Punctuation, spelling & handwriting	_____/5	
Final Mark:	_____/30	
Corrected by:	2nd signature:	